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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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Can't connect to KIDSNET?

In recent months there have been several short periods of time, usually lasting less than fifteen minutes, where internet connectivity to KIDSNET has been lost. This occasionally has resulted in inability to access the log-in page, immunization recommendations not being available for a child or other child information not being available. We apologize for this problem and assure you our technical team is working to identify and correct this issue. If you are having any of these problems, please try KIDSNET again in another 20 minutes. If a problem persists, please contact KIDSNET. Thanks for your patience.

Immunization Enrollment

Have you received your FY2009 Annual Enrollment mailing? If not, please contact Neil Young at 222-4622 or Mark Francesconi at 222-5988. The enrollment process ends on June 30, 2008. Effective July 1, 2008, any practice that has not completed enrollment will be unable to place a vaccine order until the enrollment process is completed.

Influenza Vaccine Order Estimates For the 2008-2009 Flu Season

Please keep an eye open for the annual *Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Survey* from HEALTH requesting your anticipated doses needed for the upcoming influenza season (2008-2009). The survey must be completed in order to receive flu vaccine from HEALTH for children less than 19 years of age. Please be sure to take into account the new Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations to vaccinate all children 6 months -18 years of age (www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2008/r080227.htm) as well as the expanded age recommendations for the use of Flumist intranasal vaccine in children 2-4 years of age (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5646a4.htm). Flumist can now be ordered for all healthy children 2-18 years of age. As in the past, to assist with your estimates, the survey will be "Provider specific" and includes the number of doses your practice used the previous year. A new addition to the survey will include a column reporting the number of doses your practice reported to KIDSNET during the 2007-2008 season. We hope this information will also assist with your planning for the upcoming season.

Immunization Program Website

Check out the Immunization Program website. The site has been revamped to include an "Information for Provider" link (www.health.ri.gov/immunization/providers.php) to access most current immunization news as well as 2009 enrollment forms and other resources.

Measles Outbreak in the US

From January 1 through April 25, 2008, CDC has received a total of 64 reports of confirmed measles cases in the US. This is the highest number reported for the same period since 2001. Cases have been reported from nine states and outbreaks are ongoing in four: Wisconsin, Arizona, Michigan, and New York. Of the 64 cases, 59 occurred among U.S. residents and 54 were associated with importation of measles from other countries. Most (63) case-patients were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status; 1 had received two doses of vaccine. These cases and outbreaks serve as a reminder that measles can and still does occur in the U.S. Ongoing measles virus transmission was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000, but the risk of cases and outbreaks from imported disease remains. To review the full MMWR report go to www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm57e501a1.htm.

Syncope After Vaccination

CDC published "Syncope After Vaccination--United States, January 2005-July 2007" in the May 2 issue of MMWR. To describe trends in occurrence of postvaccination syncope, CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) analyzed data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) for January 1, 2005-July 31, 2007, and compared the results with VAERS reports received during January 1, 2002-December 31, 2004. The findings indicated that, since 2005, reports to VAERS regarding postvaccination syncope have increased, primarily among females aged 11-18 years, and rarely, subsequent serious injuries have occurred. To prevent syncope-related injuries, vaccine providers should follow the ACIP recommendation to strongly consider observing patients for 15 minutes after vaccination. To view the full MMWR report go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/news/news-pubs.htm.

Immunization Report

In May 2008, the following 15 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Allenberry and Central Health Centers, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Stuart Demirs, Everett Wilcox Center, East Bay Family Health Care, Family Health Services Cranston, Family Medicine Specialists, Hillside Avenue Family Medicine, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Salm - Aquidneck Newport, Spectrum Family Health Care, Wakefield Pediatrics, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In May 2008, the following 21 pediatric practices used this report: **Associates in Primary Care Medicine, Bayside Family Healthcare, Bristol County Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Darius Kostrzewa, Dr. Dante Ramos, East Side Pediatrics, Family Treatment Center, Family Health Services Cranston, Family Medicine Specialties, Northwest Health Center, Rhode Island Family Care, South County Pediatric Group Westerly, Dr. Jennifer Souther, South County Pediatric Group Wakefield, Spectrum Health Care, Dr. Steven Maguire, University Family Medicine Foundation, Thundermist Health Center of West Warwick, University Medicine Warwick, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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